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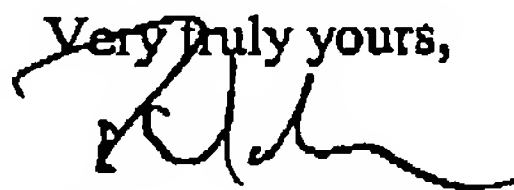
Re: Filing of Amendment  
U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/059,421  
Our Ref: YOR.275

Dear Examiner:

Enclosed please find an Amendment in response to the Office Action dated January 4, 2006 which should place the Application in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this case.

Very truly yours,



Phillip E. Miller

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Enclosure

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Serial No.: 10/059,421

Group Art Unit: 2168

Filed: January 31, 2002

Examiner: Ly, Cheyne D.

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING GENES

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 4, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows: